(c) The completion of the entire project will depend on the availability of resources during the coming years.

Setting up of Subsidiary Coal Companies

182. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish new subsidiary coal companies under the Coal India Limited ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether there is any demand for setting up of such a coal company in Orissa ; and

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) to (d) The proposal for setting up of a new subsidiary coal company of Coal India Limited in Orissa, is under consideration of the Government.

Committee for Selection of Sites for Power Plants

183. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government had constituted any Committee for selection of sites for the establishment of power plants in future ;

(b) if so, the details of the report submitted by it ;

(c) the names of the places selected by the Committee ; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken on the report with sitewise details ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A Site Selection Committee was constituted in March, 1988 for identifying sites for large thermal power stations under the Chairmanship of Member (Thermal), Central Electricity Authority. The Committee in its report submitted in June, 1990 recommended three pit-head sites (Coal-based), two lignite based and sixteen load centre/coastal sites in different States for locating large thermal power stations of capacity 2000/3000 MW. The sites recommended by the Commttee are indicated in the attached statement-I. Action taken is indicated in the Statement-II.

STATEMENT I

Sites recommended by the Site Selection Committee for Large Thermal Power Stations

1.0 Pit head TPS

1.1 *Coal based*

(*i*) Korba area (MP) in Western Region.

(*ii*) Singrauli area (MP) in Western Region.

(*iii*) Ib Valley area (Orissa).

1.2 *Lignite based*

(*i*) Bahur area (Pondicherry).

(*ii*) Jayamkondan area (Trichy).